



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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House Bill 5350 - An Act Concerning Licensure and Certification Credits for Military Training.

The Department of Public Health **supports** House Bill 5350.

There have been many instances where those serving in either active military duty or are in a non-active military capacity concurrently serve as emergency medical service care providers. However, these individuals, protecting the public in multiple capacities, have had great difficulty maintaining their Connecticut EMS license or certification. This is often due to the fact that current Connecticut law fails to recognize the training these men and women received during the course of their military service. Passage of this proposed legislation would allow Connecticut to gain and/or retain these qualified individuals in their continued service as EMS personnel. It is important to note that DPH has included this concept within an agency bill that has been raised in concept by the public health committee, but has not yet come out in Bill form.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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